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**International Patent Application No PCT/GB03/03707**  
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In response to the International Search Report dated 19 February 2004, please find below the applicant's comments together with a revised set of claims amended under Article 19

**In the claims:**

Enclosed please find substitute sheets 33 – 35, which present the presently amended claims.

Claim 1 is replaced by amended claim 1.

Claims 2 through 6 remain unchanged.

Claim 7 is canceled; its subject matter forms part of amended claim 1.

Claims 8 through 17 have been renumbered claims 7 through 16.

Claim 18 has been amended and renumbered claim 17.

Claim 19 has been amended and renumbered claim 18.

**Statement under Article 19(1)**

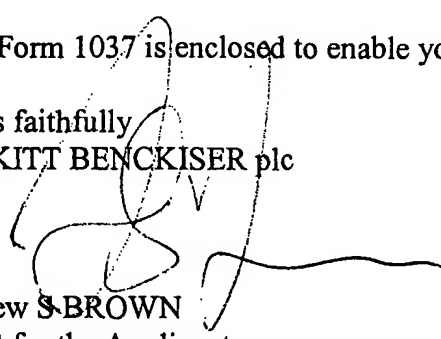
Prior art document US 6136776 teaches and exemplifies quaternary ammonium compounds which are necessarily present in the concentrate compositions in amounts of 55%wt. – 75%wt. (See column 2, lines 37 – 39.) Also, see Example 15 which comprises 63.5%wt. of a quaternary ammonium compound, BTC-888®. Thus, according to US 6136776 when a germicidal quaternary ammonium compound is present it is present in an amount of at least 55%wt.

The presently claimed invention requires a lower amount, viz., to 20%wt. of a germicidal quaternary ammonium compound.

Favorable consideration of the amended claims is solicited.

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## Claims:

1. A water soluble container containing a composition comprising:
  - (a) 0.01 to 20%wt. of at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
  - 5 (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;
  - (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;
  - (d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;
  - (e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and
  - (f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected
- 10 from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;
- 15 wherein said composition contains no more than 20%wt. water.
2. The container according to claim 1 which comprises a thermoformed or injection molded water soluble polymer.
3. The container according to claim 2 wherein the water soluble polymer is poly(vinyl alcohol).
- 20 4. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition necessarily comprises (d) at least one alkanolamine.
5. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition necessarily comprises (e) at least one polyethylene glycol.
6. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition
- 25 necessarily comprises both (d) at least one alkanolamine and (e) at least one polyethylene glycol.
7. The container according to claim 1 wherein (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 40 percent by weight.
8. The container according to claim 1 whererin (c) at least one organic solvent is
- 30 present in an amount of from about 5 to about 97 percent by weight.

9. The container according to claim 4 wherein the (d) at least one alkanolamine is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 15 percent by weight.
10. The container according to claim 6 wherein the (d) at least one alkanolamine is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 15 percent by weight.
- 5 11. The container according to claim 5 wherein the (e) at least one polyethylene glycol is present in an amount of from about 2 to about 75 percent by weight.
12. The container according to claim 6 wherein the (e) at least one polyethylene glycol is present in an amount of from about 2 to about 75 percent by weight.
13. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains  
10 no more than 15%wt. water.
14. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains no more than 3%wt. water.
15. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains no more than 1%wt. water.
- 15 16. The water soluble containers of the present invention substantially as described with reference to the Examples.
17. A method of preparing a dilute treatment composition comprising placing a water soluble container containing a composition comprising:
- 20 (a) 0.01 to 20%wt. of at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;  
(b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;  
(c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;  
(d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;  
(e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and
- 25 (f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants,
- 30 preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;

wherein said composition contains no more than 20%wt. water into an amount of water within a container, and allowing the container to dissolve.

18. A process for treating a hard surface wherein the presence of undesired  
5 microorganisms e.g, gram positive pathogenic bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus*,  
and/or gram negative pathogenic bacteria such as *Salmonella choleraesuis* and/or  
*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, are suspected, comprising the process steps of:
- placing a water soluble container containing a composition comprising:
- (a) 0.01 to 20%wt. of at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
  - 10 (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;
  - (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;
  - (d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;
  - (e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and
  - (f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected
  - 15 from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents,  
other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH  
buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents,  
hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants,  
preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;
  - 20 wherein said composition contains no more than 20%wt. water into a quantity of  
water;
  - allowing the water soluble container to dissolve in the water to form a dilute  
treatment composition;
  - and, applying an effective amount of the diluted treatment composition to the
  - 25 surface in need of treatment in order to provide sanitizing or disinfecting effect thereto.

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